



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Colusa Former Manufactured Gas Plant Site
105 Second Street
Colusa, California



March 16, 2011 through April 15, 2011

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announces a 30-day public comment period on a draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) former manufactured gas plant site located at 105 Second Street in Colusa, California. From 1886 to about 1940 a manufactured gas plant (MGP) operated at the site. Environmental investigations detected petroleum based chemicals called polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPHs), metals, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in the soil in select areas of the site. The site is currently used by PG&E as an active service center, pole yard and substation.

The draft RAP proposes cleanup activities that include the excavation of approximately 4,000 cubic yards of soil (about 400 truckloads) in the northeast area of the site and southern pole yard; impacted soil located within the active electrical substation would not be removed since excavation in this area is not feasible or safe. These excavated soils will be transported to, and disposed of at, a permitted landfill facility. The excavated areas will be backfilled with clean material. The selected remedy would allow continued use of the site as a service center, as well as provide long-term protection of human health and the environment should the future land use change. The selected remedy also includes semi-annual monitoring of the groundwater.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): To comply with CEQA, DTSC has evaluated the project to determine potential environmental impacts of the proposed cleanup plan. DTSC has determined that the proposed cleanup plan would have no significant impact to the environment or community. Therefore, DTSC intends to file a Negative Declaration with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse, if the draft RAP is approved.

Public Comment Period: The public is invited to comment on the draft RAP and CEQA Negative Declaration during the 30-day public comment period which runs from March 16, 2011 to April 15, 2011. All public comments will be carefully considered in making the final decision for the site. Written comments must be postmarked by April 15, 2011. Please mail your comments to Jerry Lile – DTSC Project Manager at 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826, or email your comments to jlile@dtsc.ca.gov no later than April 15, 2011.

Public Meeting: DTSC will host a public meeting to explain the project, answer questions and accept public comment.

Date: March 30, 2011

Location: Colusa County Library, 738 Market Street, Colusa

Time: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Information Repositories: A copy of the draft RAP, the CEQA Negative Declaration and other site-related documents are available for public review at the information repositories listed below:

Colusa County Library – Reference Desk
738 Market Street
Colusa, CA 95932
(530) 458-7671
Call for days and hours of operation

Department of Toxic Substances Control - File Room
8800 Cal Center Road
Sacramento, CA 95826
(916) 255-3618 – call for an appointment
Hours: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. M-F

For More Information:

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